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possible, but it's not always an easy thing to do, and it's not on this issue. So, although I admit to being disappointed in the Legislature and in the lobby on this whole issue, you know, it's something that is to be expected with the difficulty of the issue. So, I'm not sure what to be doing at this point, because it seems to me that a path is clear in my own mind as to what should be done. And I have the potential, with all the amendments I filed, to carry through to cloture on this bill. But at that point I'm sure that the votes are there to move forward with the legislation, ultimately I would lose that battle. I've already got some of you angry with me because I stood up on this bill despite the fact that I care deeply about it and have a long history with it, but I understand others feel strongly otherwise. Maybe I am too close to the issue. My feeling is that the market is not the way to move forward to oversee health care, that without CON I see a duplication of services, equipment, and facilities, I see those services, equipment, and facilities located where the money is, not where the need is, I see costs that could have been avoided, quality of care that will diminish, I see out-patient surgery centers hurting community hospitals, and I see a for-profit mentality threatening a stable, community-based, nonprofit health care system. But I also see that if I continue to delay the bill, with all the things on our agenda, and the fact that the overwhelming majority wish to move forward, I don't necessarily enjoy the wrath of my colleagues, nor that of the lobby for what is obviously a lonely and losing cause. So, though Ernie Chambers can do it and does do it, I admire him for it, it's something I can't do. So, I withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion is withdrawn.

ASSISTANT CLERK: The next amendment that I have, Madam President, is offered by Senator Wesely. Senator, this is AM2592.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Wesely. The motion is withdrawn. Standing before us now is the Wesely amendment as amended to LB 798. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I must say to my young seatmate that you never need to be